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- Our *fofternurse* of nature is repose,  
The which he lacks. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*  
**FOSTERSON.** *n. f.* [*fofter* and *son*.] One fed and educated,  
though not the son by nature.  
Mature in years, to ready honours move;  
O of celestial feed! O *fofterson* of Jove! *Dryd. Virg. Poet.*  
**FOUGADE.** *n. f.* [French.] In the art of war, a fort of lit-  
tle mine in the manner of a well, scarce more than ten feet  
wide and twelve deep, dug under some work or fortification,  
and charged with barrels or sacks of gunpowder to blow it  
up, and covered over with earth. *Dict.*  
**FOUGHT.** The preterite and participle of *fight*.  
**FOUGHTEN.** [The passive participle of *fight*. Rarely used.]  
Contested; disputed by arms.  
On the *foughten* field  
Michael and his angels, prevalent  
Encamping, plac'd in guard their watches round  
Cherubick waving fires. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. vi.*  
**FOUL.** *adj.* [*fals*, Gothic; *ful*, Saxon.]  
1. Not clean; filthy; dirty; miry. Through most of its sig-  
nifications it is opposed to *fair*.  
My face is *foul* with weeping. *Job xvi. 16.*  
It's monstrous labour when I wash my brain,  
And it grows *fouler*. *Shakef. Ant. and Cleopatra.*  
He that can travel in deep and *foul* ways, ought not to say  
that he cannot walk in fair. *Tillotson's Sermons.*  
The stream is *foul* with stains  
Of rushing torrents and descending rains. *Addison.*  
2. Impure; polluted; full of filth.  
With *foul* mouth,  
And in the witness of his proper ear,  
To call him villain. *Shakef. Measure for Measure.*  
Kill thy physician, and the fee bestow  
Upon the *foul* disease. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*  
Intemperance and sensuality debase mens minds, clog their  
spirits, and make them gross, *foul*, listless and unactive. *Tillotf.*  
3. Wicked; detestable; abominable.  
Jesus rebuked the *foul* spirit. *Mar. ix. 25.*  
He hates *foul* leavings and vile flattery,  
Two filthy blots in noble gentery. *Hubbard's Tale.*  
This is the grossest and most irrational supposition, as well  
as the *foulest* atheism, that can be imagined. *Hale.*  
Satire has always thone among the rest,  
And is the boldest way, if not the best,  
To tell men truly of their *foul* faults,  
To laugh at their vain deeds, and vainer thoughts. *Dryden.*  
4. Not lawful; not according to the established rules.  
By *foul* play were we heav'd thence,  
But blessedly help'd thither. *Shakespeare's Tempest.*  
5. Hateful; ugly; loathsome.  
Th' other half did woman's shape retain,  
Most loathsome, filthy, *foul*, and full of vile disdain. *F. 2y.*  
Hast thou forgot  
The *foul* witch Sycorax, who with age and envy  
Was grown into a hoop? *Shakespeare's Tempest.*  
*Foul* fights do rather displease, in that they excite the me-  
mory of *foul* things than in the immediate objects; and there-  
fore, in pictures, those *foul* fights do not much offend. *Bacon.*  
6. Disgraceful; shameful.  
Too well I see and rue the dire event,  
That with sad overthrow and *foul* defeat  
Hath lost us heav'n. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. i.*  
Who first seduc'd them to that *foul* revolt? *Milt. P. Lost.*  
Reason half extinct,  
Or impotent, or else approving, sees  
The *foul* disorder. *Thomson's Spring.*  
7. Coarse; gross.  
You will have no notion of delicacies, if you table with  
them: they are all for rank and *foul* feeding, and spoil the best  
provisions in cooking. *Pelton on the Clafficks.*  
8. Full of gross humours, or bad matter; wanting purgation  
or mundification.  
You perceive the body of our kingdom,  
How *foul* it is; what rank diseases grow,  
And with what danger near the heart of it. *Shakef. H. IV.*  
9. Not bright; not serene.  
Who's there besides *foul* weather?  
One minded like the weather, most inquietly. *Sh. K. Lear.*  
Be fair or *foul*, or rain or shine,  
The joys I have profess'd, in spite of fate are mine. *Dryd.*  
10. With rough force; with unfeasonable violence.  
So in this through bright Sackariffa far'd,  
Oppress'd by those who strove to be her guard:  
As ships, though never so obsequious, fall  
*Foul* in a tempest on their admiral. *Walter.*  
In his fallies their men might fall *foul* of each other. *Clarend.*  
The great art of the devil, and the principal deceit of the  
heart, is to keep fair with God himself, while men fall *foul*  
upon his laws. *South's Sermons.*  
11. [Among seamen.] Entangled: as, a rope is *foul* of the  
anchor.

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- To **FOUL.** *v. a.* [pulan, Saxon.] To daub; to blemish; to  
make filthy; to dirty.  
Sweep and cleanse your walks from autumnal leaves, lest  
the worms draw them into their holes, and *foul* your gardens.  
*Evelyn's Calendar.*  
While Traulus all his ordure scatters,  
To *foul* the man he chiefly flatters. *Swift.*  
She *fouls* a mock more in one hour than the kitchen-maid  
doth in a week. *Swift's Directions to Servants.*  
**FOULFACED.** *adj.* [*foul* and *faced*.] Having an ugly or hate-  
ful visage.  
If black scandal, or *foul* face'd reproach,  
Attend the sequel of your imposition,  
Your mere enforcement shall acquittance me  
From all the impure blots and stains thereof. *Shakef. R. III.*  
**FOULLY.** *adv.* [from *foul*.] Filthily; nastily; odiously;  
hatefully; scandalously; disgracefully; shamefully.  
We in the world's wide mouth  
Live scandaliz'd, and *foully* spoken of. *Shakef. Henry IV.*  
The letter to the protector was gilded over with many  
smooth words; but the other two did fully and *foully* let forth  
his obliquity, avarice and ambition. *Hayward.*  
O brother, brother! Filbert still is true;  
I *foully* wrong'd him: do, forgive me, do. *Gay.*  
**FOULMOUTHED.** *adj.* [*foul* and *mouth*.] Scurrilous; habi-  
tuated to the use of opprobrious terms and epithets.  
My lord, he speaks most vilely of you, like a *foulmouth'd*  
man as he is, and said he would cudgel you. *Shak. H. IV.*  
It was allowed by every body, that *foulmouthed* a witness  
never appeared in any cause. *Addison.*  
My reputation is too well established in the world to re-  
ceive any hurt from such a *foulmouthed* scoundrel as he. *Arbut.*  
Now singing shrill, and scolding oft between,  
Scolds answer *foulmouth'd* scolds; bad neighbourhood I  
ween. *Swift.*  
**FOULNESS.** *n. f.* [from *foul*.]  
1. The quality of being *foul*; filthiness; nastiness.  
The ancients were wont to make garments that were not  
destroyed but purified by fire; and whereas the spots or *foul-  
ness* of other cloaths are washed out, in these they were usually  
burnt away. *Wilkins's Math. Magic.*  
2. Pollution; impurity.  
It is no vicious blot, murder, or *foulness*,  
No unchaste action, or dishonest step,  
That hath depriv'd me of your grace and favour. *Shakef.*  
There is not to chaste a nation as this, nor so free from all  
pollution or *foulness*: it is the virgin of the world. *Bacon.*  
3. Hatred; enmity.  
He by an affection sprung up from excessive beauty, should  
not delight in horrible *foulness*. *Sidney.*  
Consul, you are too mild:  
The *foulness* of some facts takes thence all mercy:  
Report it to the senate. *Ben. Johnson's Catiline.*  
It is the wickedness of a whole life, discharging all its filth  
and *foulness* into this one quality, as into a great sink or com-  
mon shore. *South's Sermons.*  
4. Ugliness; deformity.  
He's fallen in love with your *foulness*, and she'll fall in love  
with my anger. *Shakespeare's As you like it.*  
The fury laid aside  
Her looks and limbs, and with new methods tried  
The *foulness* of th' infernal form to hide. *Dryden's Æn.*  
5. Dishonesty; want of candour.  
Piety is opposed to hypocrisy and insincerity, and all false-  
ness or *foulness* of intentions; especially to that perfonated  
devotion, under which any kind of impiety is wont to be dis-  
guised. *Hammond's Fundamentals.*  
**FOUND.** The preterite and participle passive of *find*.  
I am fought of them that asked not for me: I am *found* of  
them that sought me not. *Is. lxi. 1.*  
To **FOUND.** *v. a.* [*fundare*, Latin; *fonder*, French.]  
1. To lay the basis of any building.  
It fell not; for it was *found* upon a rock. *Math. vii.*  
He hath *found* it upon the seas, and established it upon the  
floods. *Pf. xxiv. 2.*  
2. To build; to raise.  
These tunes of reason are Amphion's lyre,  
Wherewith he did the Theban city *found*. *Davies.*  
They Gabian walls, and strong Fidenæ rear,  
Nomentum, Bola with Pomelia *found*,  
And raise Colatian tow'rs on rocky ground. *Dryden's Æn.*  
3. To establish; to erect.  
This also shall they gain by their delay  
In the wide wilderness; there they shall *found*  
Their government, and their great senate chuse,  
Through the twelve tribes, to rule by laws ordain'd. *Milt.*  
He *found*ing a library, gathered together the acts of the  
kings and prophets. *2 Mac. ii. 13.*  
4. To give birth or original to: as, he *found*ed an art; he  
*found*ed a family.  
5. To raise upon, as on a principle or ground.  
Though some have made use of the opinion of some  
schoolmen,

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- schoolmen, that dominion is *found*ed in grace; yet as that is  
but an opinion, so were it admitted as the most certain truth,  
it could never warrant any such sanguinary method. *Decay of Piety.*  
A right to the use of the creatures is *found*ed originally in  
the right a man has to subsist. *Locke.*  
Power, *found*ed on contract, can defend only to him who  
has right by that contract. *Locke.*  
The reputation of the *liad* they *found* upon the ignorance  
of his times. *Pope's Preface to the liad.*  
6. To fix firm.  
Fleance is escap'd.  
—Then comes my fit again: I had else been perfect,  
Whole as the marble, *found*ed as the rock. *Shakef. Macbeth.*  
To **FOUND.** *v. a.* [*fundere*, Latin; *fondre*, French.] To form  
by melting and pouring into moulds; to cast.  
**FOUNDATION.** *n. f.* [*fundation*, French.]  
1. The stateliness of houses, the goodliness of trees, when we  
behold them, delighteth the eye; but that *foundation* which  
beareth up the one, that root which minisheth unto the other  
nourishment and life, is in the bosom of the earth concealed.  
*Hooker, b. i. f. 1.*  
That is the way to make the city flat,  
To bring the roof to the *foundation*,  
To bury all. *Shakespeare's Coriolanus.*  
O Jove, I think,  
*Foundations* fly the wretched; such, I mean,  
Where they should be reliev'd. *Shakespeare's Coriolanus.*  
I draw a line along the shore;  
I lay the deep *foundations* of a wall,  
And Enos, nam'd from me, the city call. *Dryden's Æn.*  
2. The act of fixing the basis.  
Ne'er to these chambers where the mighty rest,  
Since their *foundation*, came a nobler guest. *Tickel.*  
3. The principles or ground on which any notion is raised.  
If we give way to our passions, we do but gratify ourselves  
for the present, in order to our future disquiet; but if we resist  
and conquer them, we lay the *foundation* of perpetual peace in  
our minds. *Tillotson, Sermon 6.*  
That she should be subject to her husband, the laws of man-  
kind and customs of nations have ordered it so; and there is  
a *foundation* in nature for it. *Locke.*  
4. Original; rise.  
Throughout the world, even from the first *foundation* there-  
of, all men have either been taken as lords or lawful kings in  
their own houses. *Hooker, b. i. f. 10.*  
5. A revenue settled and established for any purpose, particularly  
charity.  
He had an opportunity of going to school on a *founda-  
tion*. *Swift.*  
6. Establishment; settlement.  
**FOUNDER.** *n. f.* [from *found*.]  
1. A builder; one who raises an edifice; one who presides at  
the erection of a city.  
Of famous cities we the *founders* know;  
But rivers, old as seas to which they go,  
Are nature's bounty: 'tis of more renown  
To make a river than to build a town. *Waller.*  
Nor was Præneste's *founder* wanting there,  
Whom fame reports the son of Mulciber;  
Found in the fire, and foster'd in the plains;  
A shepherd and a king at once he reigns. *Dryden's Æn.*  
2. One who establishes a revenue for any purpose.  
The wanting orphans saw with wat'ry eyes  
Their *founder's* charity in the dust laid low. *Dryden.*  
This hath been experimentally proved beyond contradic-  
tion, by the honourable *founder* of this lecture in his treatise  
of the air. *Bentley.*  
3. One from whom any thing has its original or beginning.  
And the rule notions of pedantick schools  
Blaspheme the sacred *founder* of our rules. *Rescommon.*  
When Jove, who saw from high, with just disdain,  
The dead inspir'd with vital breath again,  
Struck to the center with his flaming dart  
Th' unhappy *founder* of the godlike art. *Dryden's Æn.*  
King James I. the *founder* of the Stuart race, had he not  
confined all his views to the peace of his own reign, his son  
had not been involved in such fatal troubles. *Addison's Freehold.*  
Nor can the skilful herald trace  
The *founder* of thy ancient race. *Swift.*  
4. [*Foundeur*, French.] A cafter; one who forms figures by  
casting melted matter into moulds.  
*Founders* add a little antimony to their bell-metal, to make  
it more sonorous; and so pewterers to their pewter, to make  
it found more clear like silver. *Grew's Museum.*  
To **FOUNDER.** *v. a.* [*foundre*, French.] To cause such a fore-  
ness and tenderness in a horse's foot, that he is unable to set it  
to the ground.  
Phœbus' steeds are *founder'd*,  
Or night kept chain'd below. *Shakespeare's Tempest.*

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- I have *founder'd* nine score and odd posts; and here, travel-  
lainted as I am, have, in my pure and immaculate valour,  
taken Sir John Coleville of the Dale, a most furious knight;  
but what of that? he saw me and yielded. *Shakef. Henry IV.*  
Thy stumbling *founder'd* jade can trot as high  
As any other Pegasus can fly;  
So the dull eel moves nimbler in the mud,  
Than all the swift-swinn'd racers of the flood. *Dorset.*  
Brutes find out where their talents lie:  
A bear will not attempt to fly;  
A *founder'd* horse will oft debate,  
Before he tries a five-bar'd gate. *Swift.*  
If you find a gentleman fond of your horse, persuade your  
master to sell him, because he is vicious, and *founder'd* into  
the bargain. *Swift's Directions to the Groom.*  
Men of discretion, whom people in power may with little  
ceremony load as heavy as they please, drive them through the  
hardest and deepest roads, without danger of *foundering* or  
breaking their backs, and will be sure to find them neither  
rely nor vicious. *Swift.*  
To **FOUNDER.** *v. n.* [from *fonds*, French, the bottom.]  
1. To sink to the bottom.  
New ships, built at those rates, have been ready to *founder*  
in the seas with every extraordinary storm. *Raleigh's Essays.*  
2. To fail; to miscarry.  
In this point  
All his tricks *founder*; and he brings his physick  
After his patient's death. *Shakespeare's Henry VIII.*  
**FOUNDERY.** *n. f.* [*fonderie*, Fr. from *found*.] A place where  
figures are formed of melted metal; a castinghouse.  
**FOUNDLING.** *n. f.* [from *found* of *find*.] A child exposed to  
chance; a child found without any parent or owner.  
We, like bastards, are laid abroad, even as *foundlings*, to  
be trained up by grief and sorrow. *Sidney.*  
I pass the *foundling* by, a race unknown,  
At doors expos'd, whom matrons make their own,  
And into noble families advance  
A nameless issue; the blind work of chance. *Dryd. Juven.*  
I shall mention a piece of charity which is practised by most  
of the nations about us: I mean a provision for *foundlings*, or  
for those children who, for want of such a provision, are ex-  
posed to the barbarity of cruel and unnatural parents. *Addison.*  
The goddess long had mark'd the child's distress,  
And long had fought his suff'rings to redress;  
She prays the gods to take the *foundling's* part,  
To teach his hands some beneficial art  
Practis'd in streets. *Gay's Trivia.*  
**FOUNDERESS.** *n. f.* [from *founder*.]  
1. A woman that founds, builds, establishes, or begins any  
thing.  
2. A woman that establishes any charitable revenue.  
For of their order she was patroness,  
Albe Charissa was their chiefest *foundress*. *Fairy Queen, b. i.*  
For zeal like hers, her servants were to shew;  
She was the first, where need requir'd to go;  
Herself the *foundress*, and attendant too. *Dryden.*  
**FOUNT.**  
**FOUNTAIN.** *n. f.* [*font*, Latin; *fontaine*, French.]  
1. A well; a spring.  
He set before him spread  
A table of celestial food divine,  
Ambrosial fruits, fetcht from the tree of life;  
And from the *fount* of life ambrosial drink. *Milt. Par. Reg.*  
2. A small basin of springing water.  
Proofs as clear as *founts* in July, when  
We see each grain of gravel. *Shakespeare's Henry VIII.*  
Can a man drink better from the *fountain* when it is finely  
paved with marble, than when it swells over the green turf?  
*Taylor's Rule of living holy.*  
Narcissus on the grassy verdure lies;  
But whilst within the crystal *fount* he tries  
To quench his heat, he feels new heat arise. *Addison.*  
3. A jet; a spout of water.  
*Fountains* I intend to be of two natures: the one that  
sprinkleth or spouteth water; the other a fair receipt of water,  
without filth, or slime, or mud. *Bacon, Essay 47.*  
4. The head or first spring of a river.  
All actions of your grace are of a piece, as waters keep  
the tenor of their *fountains*: your compassion is general, and  
has the same effect as well on enemies as friends. *Dryden.*  
5. Original; first principle; first cause.  
Almighty God, the *fountain* of all goodness. *Comm. Prayer.*  
You may reduce many thousand bodies to these few general  
figures, as unto their principal heads and *fountains*. *Pascal.*  
This one city may well be reckoned not only the seat of  
trade and commerce, not only the *fountain* of habits and  
fashions, and good breeding, but of morally good or bad  
manners to all England. *Spratt's Sermons.*  
**FOUNTAINLESS.** *adj.* [from *fountain*.] Without a fountain;  
without a spring.